

Correspondence.

APPLES—GRUBS—WORMS—COTTONWOODS—BIRDS.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 31, 1873. Editor Deseret News:

Sir—In your paper of Dec. 30 an inquirer asks why it is that the apples in this city were almost entirely destroyed by worms last summer. In reply I will suggest what I think is one great cause, and that is, we have in our city a large number of old cottonwood trees, along the side walks, which are so badly decayed and worm eaten that they will not bear their own weight, and those old trees are filled with all kinds of filth and grubs of almost every kind, which mature into destructive vermin. The butterfly lays its eggs around some of the smaller branches of apple trees, which mature into large worms, eat a large portion of the foliage, and eventually turn into large butterflies. I believe I am right when I say, that the worms which are in the apples are the worms of the codling moth, and those old cottonwood trees are full of codling moths. Eggs and grubs, millions of them, are harbored in those old trees, and I would suggest that the mayor and city authorities see that those old trees are cut down throughout the city, which I feel sure would result in much good, and prevent the harboring of so much filth. While I do not wish to say that this is the only reason why the apples are destroyed by worms, I do say that it is a very apparent fact, that those old trees harbor filth enough, when matured, to destroy all our fruit in this city. There is another great evil indulged in by the boys of this city, and that is, killing off a large number of small birds, which feed upon the insects abovenamed, and more especially swallows, which feed upon flying vermin, such as the codling moth and butterfly, and lots of other filth. Now those birds ought not to be destroyed, but encouraged, and, in fact, we ought to import birds here, instead of killing them off.

Respectfully, G. S.

CELEBRATING THE NEW YEAR.

S. L. CITY, Jan. 1, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

The 14th Ward Sabbath school met in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms to welcome the opening new year, 1874. Bishop Taylor and the superintendents, G. H. Taylor, H. P. Richards, and Joseph Horne, arranged a committee, consisting of Sister M. J. Horne, Jane Richardson, W. East, King and Bingham, who, with the assistance of other Sabbath school teachers, visited the entire 14th Ward, soliciting contributions of money, etc., and inviting all to participate in the festivities of the day with the Sabbath school. The superintendents and committee spared no pains to fit up our beautiful hall for the occasion. At 11 o'clock one of the loveliest scenes of this earth was to be beheld from the elevated stand at the south end of the hall, which was shrouded with the flag of our Union—the stars and stripes. Two hundred juveniles, seated around four tables laden with an endless variety of meats, poultry, cakes, pies, vegetables, fruits, nuts, candies and raisins, with some fifty parents and guests were seated around, and filling the hall, gazing upon the smiling and jovial countenances of our future hope. Recitations, dialogues, and songs from the choir attracted the attention of all, concluding with an address from Elder John Taylor, followed by a blessing on the food, when war in general commenced by 200 youth on the good things before them and the general expression was that such a pantomime was never before excelled or beheld. After parents and invited guests, computed above 500 in number, had been bounteously supplied, the hall was cleared, the Clayton band struck up and the juveniles tripped in high glee until a late hour, when they retired, and after one hour's intermission the more elderly enjoyed the dance until midnight. Then with benediction all retired, having enjoyed one of the greatest treats of the season. Clayton's band gratuitously tendered their services.

Baskets full of fragments and untouched goodies were presented to the poor of the Ward, as a fast or feast offering—supplies for at least a week to come. EDWARD STEVENSON.

The Two Years—Weather—Schools.

OGDEN CITY, Jan. 4, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

The weather, like "Mormonism," is a very fruitful topic upon which to write, and I think we can furnish as much climatic variety, here as any other people who are located in the same latitude. I disremember whether the year 1873 "came in like a lion," but the docility, and the apparent calm resignation which characterized its departure, very much resembled the characteristics of the lamb. The first day of January, 1874, did not make its debut in an angry mood—the sky looked calm and beautiful—the atmosphere was soft and almost balmy! The citizens generally appeared determined to enjoy to the most the first holiday of the newborn year, and sleighing and coasting appeared to be a mania almost on the occasion. Everything that could be improvised into a sleigh or a "bob sled"—even old hay-racks—was called into requisition, and Main and other streets, every steep decline, every hillside and slope were literally alive with these vehicles. During the morning, however, the south wind commenced to blow very briskly, the snow began to melt rapidly, and to disappear very fast from our city, and from the mountain sides. The wind continued in the same direction all the day, all the night, and part of the 2nd inst. Our streets were completely flooded—the water ditches overflowed their banks, the Weber river rose considerably, and it was anything but comfortable to navigate about town. But in the afternoon of the 2nd, the wind changed round suddenly to the north, and blew fiercely and piercingly, and some of the results of this re-action were soon seen. The hail came pelting down in torrents, which continued for some time, and then gave place to frost and another thick downfall of snow. Again the merry sleigh bells ring out their joyous peals as the steeds go rushing along with their happy freight.

The recesses are ended. The school terms re commence to-morrow (Monday). The seminary will continue to be under the tuition and able conduct of Prof. Moneh, who has already won many laurels in that excellent institution. The school in the second school district will be conducted by Mr. Box, whose efficiency and urbanity have won for him the affection of his scholars, and made him many friends. Mr. E. T. Browning will continue to teach the young idea how to shoot in the third district. The Episcopal school re-opens under the direction of its former principal, Mr. E. H. Tallman, whose past services are much appreciated; and the Methodist school will re-commence under the able conduct of Miss Bradway, whose amiable disposition and unwearied zeal in the discharge of her duties have gained for her the attachment and fond affection of all who attend the institution. The new school-house being unfinished in the First School District, I am informed the people there have neither weekday nor Sabbath school, at present. But I must not omit here to speak a word for our excellent trustees of the second district, Messrs. Thomas Doxy, Thomas Emmet, and James Burch. They are unremitting in their labors, and unwearied in the zeal to promote the interests of the schools in this district—and are willing that the tax payers shall know what is done with their money. During the past season they have appropriated between \$3,000 and \$4,000, for the erection and furnishing of a new school-house in the south part of the district. It is built of adobe, elliptical in style, is 24 x 40 ft., 12 ft. high from the spring of the arch, has an excellent porch in front, partly elliptical and partly gothic. The workmanship is good, not a botch about it. It has outhouses and playgrounds in abundance. Its appointments are complete, the furniture is imported, and is of the most improved kind, and everything that conduces to the comfort of the scholars or the convenience of the teacher has been considered in the construction of the house and its appointments; and the whole is a credit to the district. A social party will be given in it on Tuesday, and on Thursday school will commence under the tuition of Wm. C. Critchlow. The land upon which the house is built—one acre in all—was donated for the purpose to the district by President

Brigham Young. Mr. Doxy is superintendent of the Sabbath school, which is in a flourishing condition. It is well attended and well conducted. On New Year's the little folks enjoyed themselves merrily in the dance during the day, and in the evening the teachers and parents tripped the light fantastic toe. A library has recently been attached to the Sabbath school, consisting of several hundred volumes, which were obtained partly by the talent of the scholars in a vocal musical contest, held some time since in the Tabernacle, the prize being awarded to them by the late Mr. Tullidge, who was judge on the occasion. The balance of the books were purchased by donations. Mr. Doxy has been appointed librarian. It is his intention to increase the present number and variety of books as fast as circumstances permit him to do so. All is well here. Business quiet. No quarrels. The health of the people generally good. L. P.

LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING in the Post Office at Salt Lake City, Jan. 2, 1874, which, if not called for within one month, will be sent to the Dead Letter Office.

- LADIES' LIST. Brown O, Brown I, Boyes E 2, Belt L, Brighurst E, Blacard M, Bates M, Chushter C E, Creswell E, Chrisman L, Charlson L, Childers L S, Cooper S, Christianson R M, Croft W C, D, Fuzett J, Darknell M, Frisher C, Granger E, Givens M, H, Horne A, Hellstrom A, Hubbard A, Humphries E, Hooper E, Harr G, Harding J, Hunt M A, Hardy S A, Hoagland S, Howland S, Jones L, Jones A M, Johnson Mrs, Johnson M W, Johnson L, Longstroth A, Lemon S A, Miller J, Maloy K, Matti L, Miller L, Mathany R, McLelland M, McClusky M, Miller R B, Oleson M, Pettigrew C, Parks E, Parrish E J, Pollock L, Palmer L, Pendleton M J, Peterson Mme, Peck M, Quayle S, Rawlings H, Rickers I, Ranja I M F, Stafford A C, Simmons G, Slater H, Tremaine A, Travis E J, Tucket J, Vincent C, Vincent A R, Vincent J, Whittaker Mrs, Williamson A, Wilkens A, Wheeler H, Wright M A, Wilson M, White R.

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

- Ahlstrom F H S, Anderson C C, Anderson J, Anderson J, Arcola L, Arndelin O A, Arnsworth T, Allen W C, Bullough B, Biddub G, Bader D, Bennett G S, Boeett C, Bernhorf F, Blair E, Beby G, Boyes G, Barton H, Bywater J, Bywater G G, Bartlett G C, Baird J S, Bennett J, Bumham L S, Burger W, Balmier W, Bernard T, Bennett S, Burton S, Bell P, Bradford L M, Carman B, Cohn A J, Chinedist A, Claus E, Ceterbeck F, Colam F, Canning G 3, Cullen G, Chittum J, Callaway J 2, Clifford L, Clark L W, Clark S, Carmickle D, Davis W, Davis D P, Douglass D, Dana D L, Douns E, Doremus H J, Danielson E 2, Dunscombe J, Duncan M 3, Deuble G, E M N, Edgerton C, Edmonds F, Elvirge G W, Eeels H, Erongreen J, Enholm J, Evans J J, Eastman O F, Evans W, Flanders C E, Fulmer E, Frances J, Flood L F, Frances S, Foyh F, Fowls F W, Gouch C 2, Griffith D, Green F, Graves H, Grant H J, Grundband J, Gray J, Goode J S, Gray J, Guntland N, Gray P, Potts T 2, Picknel U, Pitt W, Pratt W C, Rayle W, Robinson C J, Robergh F, Riddford H, Romney G, Rtoy J H, Radding J, Ruch J, Rainey J, Rich Jno, Robison L, Rustin Mr, Rydrall, Rich S, Roberts R G, Rafferty W 2, Rios W P, Reynolds WH, Reynolds W 2, Supt. Lust, Chenc, Swift & N, Strong & W, Smiller A C, Skor C J, Sanderson D, Simpson E, Simonson M, Schuken G, Shearer Jno, Spencer P, Sackett J, Scott J C, Sholderbrand J, Simon L 2, Sobrains M, Scott L, Sifer, Shawer F, Sanford F, Stephens T D, Skeed W, Smith & Bro, Smith J, Taylor & H, Tayson A, Thompson EP, Taylor F J, Train F, Thornton J, Tengwall G S, Turner J, Thomas J, Tallman J C, Turdiff L, Taylor W H, Van Dyke J, Vail J, Wheeler Mr, Walker A, Winagar A, Wellock C, Winder E, Wilhelf J, Whiting Jno, Nonrovel Jno, Whiting Jno, Webster J P, Wordell M, Wheelock A P, Whiting W H, Winteron W, Pippin H S, Wiehe W E, Whitley F F.

- Gussman S, Green S, Peris J, Parsen L, Pratt L, Plocsky S, Williams A, Young H.

HELD FOR POSTAGE.

- Thomas Odgin, Richfield, Utah. James W. Nixon, St. George, Utah. John Burns, Farmington, Utah. J F Nerrinan, Hillard St., Wv. William Broomhe d. Paris, Idaho. John C Buckley, San Francisco, California. Chas Simmons, Ophir City, Utah. Mrs J M Hottley, New York. A Moffat, Rock Springs, Wv. Duff & Legget, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. James Swency, Exeter, Ill. Chas E Fletcher, Provo, Utah; Abraham Chadwick, North Ogden. Mrs R A House, Hannibal, Mo. Maus Nilson, Logan City, Utah.

Persons inquiring for the above letters are requested to state when advertised. J. M. MOORE, Postmaster.

LIST OF LETTERS

REMAINING in Wells, Fargo & Co's office Jan. 3, 1874.

- Ainsworth Miss K, Burgess M T, Buchman Dr H, Campbell P, Davison W B, Epperley H S, Field Mrs L, Farrall J, Glover Mrs M, Grist Mrs E B, Hooper J, Hazlip R, Houtz W, Johnson Mrs, Ketchum L R, Leonard M, Lewis G H, Liddell W, Lee J, McGinnis T, McBride W G, McMahon A, Morgan J A, Neals S E, Nobles W J, Puzey H, Pringle T L, Roberts G M, Robinson M W, Stevenson Col, Taylor Mrs J, True S E Miss, Ware Mrs C 2, Willard C F, Werling Miss M, Wells Miss M.

H. WADSWORTH, Agent.

DECEASED.

In this city, of old age and exhaustion, at half-past 4 p.m., Jan. 2, SALLY WATERMAN PHELPS, widow of the late W. W. Phelps. Deceased was born July 24, 1797; was a member of the Church since 1830.

At St. Charles, Oneida Co., Idaho, Dec. 28, 1873, of erysipelas, LYDIA JINNINGS. Mother Jinnings was born in the town of Halifax, Vermont, Dec. 7th, 1795; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1838; was much respected by all who knew her; remained a true and faithful Saint, and died in the hope of a glorious resurrection.—COM.

In the Third Ward of this city, on the 31st of December, of old age, ex-Bishop CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS, aged 84 years, 9 months and 21 days.

Of inflammation of the lungs, at her residence in the 6th Ward of this city, January 1st, 1874, SUSANNAH, wife of Henry Riser, who is at present on a mission to Switzerland, aged 39 years.

In the 7th Ward of this city, Jan. 4th, JANE BLACKHURST, aged 60 years. Funeral services at 11 o'clock to-morrow, at the 7th Ward school-house.

CONSUMPTION, the scourge of the human family, may in its early stages be promptly arrested and permanently cured.

RAVENSWOOD, W. Va., Oct. 28th, 1872.

Dr. R. V. Pierce: Sir.—For the last year I have been using your Golden Medical Discovery. I owe my life to it, having been afflicted for years. Did not use it but a short time before I was benefited; at that time I was very bad, not able to sit up much, was suffering greatly with my throat, was getting blind, had a dry cough, and much pain in my lungs. I have used twelve bottles of the Discovery and am almost well. KATE T. WARDNER.

A son of Mr. J. H. Meseck, of Chatham Four Corners, N. Y., has been cured of Consumption by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery; so says Mr. C. B. Canfield, editor of the Chatham Courier.

S. R. Eglar, druggist, of West Union, O., writes to state that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has effected a wonderful cure of Consumption in his neighborhood.

UNWHOLESOME FOOD.—By the unnatural combination of different articles by ignorant persons for baking powders, (even if articles are pure) they render the food very indigestible, as the chemical action, when they enter the stomach, pre-

vents their being digested. Of these mixtures it requires but a small quantity to make food very unwholesome. Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder is the only powder prepared by the application of scientific principles, combining all the elements of a perfect powder, thus making it safe, economical and nutritious, and only to be equalled in purity and strength by his True Special Flavorings, of Vanilla, Rose, etc., with which every house-keeper should be supplied.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession One dark red HEIFER, three years old last spring, no marks or brands visible. If not claimed, damages paid and taken away before the 10th day of January, 1874, at 2 o'clock p.m., will be sold according to law. JOSEPH FISHER, District Poundkeeper. Coalville, Dec. 29th, 1873. ds&wl a

ESTRAY.

ONE red and white spotted COW, twelve years old, underside in each ear, branded something like ED (combined on right hip, a heart on left side and EST on left horn. Will be sold on the 10th of January, 1874, at the EstRay Pound, if not claimed. JNO. C. WITBECK, District Poundkeeper. Levan, Utah, Dec. 29th, 1873. ds&wl

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described estray: One red STEER CALF, branded something like an oyster shell on left side, slit in each ear. Also one red COW, ten or twelve years old, white face and belly, under and upper bits off left and quarter crop o. right ear, illegible brand on left thigh. The above animals, if not claimed and taken away before Saturday, January 10th, 1874, at 1 o'clock p.m., will be sold at public sale at the District EstRay Pound. NEWTON TUTTLE, Poundkeeper. Bou tiful, Dec. 31st, 1873. ds&wl e

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession One red and white HEIFER, about a year and a half old, branded on right hip not legible, crop and under bit in right ear. One black BULL, white face, both hind feet white, no marks or brands. One dark brown TEER, abut two years old, star in forehead, no brands visible. One light red BULL, about one year old, white in face shape of a heart, both hind feet white, no brands. If not claimed and taken away by the 10th of January, will be sold at 10 o'clock a.m., at my corral. JESSE BOND, District Poundkeeper. Heber City, Wasatch County, January 1st, 1874. ds&wl a

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